

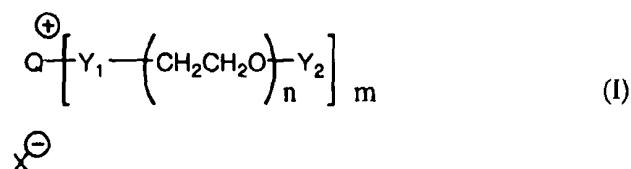
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

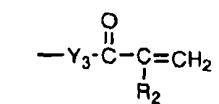
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A polymerizable molten salt monomer represented by the following general formula (I):



wherein Q represents an imidazole; Y₁ represents a divalent interlocking group CH₂O or a bonding hand; Y₂ represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group; n represents an integer of from 2 to 20; m represents an integer of from 2 to 5; X⁻ represents an anion; plural Y₁'s and plural Y₂'s may be the same or different, respectively, with the proviso that at least one of Y₂'s has a polymerizable substituent group



wherein R₂ is hydrogen or alkyl, and

Y_3 is oxygen; and

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a plurality of the compounds of the general formula (I) may be connected to each other at Q or Y₂ to form a dimer, trimer or tetramer.

2-6. (canceled).

7. (currently amended): The polymerizable molten salt monomer according to Claim 1, wherein X⁻ in the general formulae formula (I) to (III) is a halogen anion, an amide anion or a fluoride anion containing at least one element selected from the group consisting of boron (B), phosphorus (P) and sulfur (S).

8. (currently amended): The polymerizable molten salt monomer according to Claim 1, wherein X⁻ in the general formulae formula (I), and (III) is an iodine anion.

9-14. (canceled).